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LAW STUDENTS' SOCIETY.

LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—THE SOCIETY.

1. The Society shall consist of members of the Bar, Students-at-Law, and Articled Clerks of the Province of Manitoba.

2. It shall be called "The Law Students' Society."

3. The object of this Society shall be the encouragement of legal and literary pursuits by discussions, original essays, etc., tending towards mutual improvement.

4. The Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Puisne Judges, the Benchers, and the Prothonotary of the Court of Queen's Bench, shall be the Patrons of the Society, and shall have the right of attending at all meetings.

ARTICLE II.—THE MEMBERS.

1. The Society shall consist of Ordinary, Honorary, and Life members.

2. Ordinary members shall consist of members of the Bar, Students at Law, and Articled Clerks.

3. Honorary members shall be such gentlemen as have already been elected honorary members, or may hereafter be elected by a vote of five-sixths of the members present at any regular meeting of the Society.

4. Life members shall consist of such ordinary members as shall have paid five years' membership fees, exclusive of forfeitures, to the funds of the said Society.

5. No ordinary member shall vote at any election, or be elected to any office, until he has paid his fees for the year.

ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS.

1. The officers shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, Honorary Committee, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and one Councillor.

2. Election of officers shall take place annually by ballot.

3. Candidates for office shall be nominated at the ordinary meeting preceding the election, or at any special meeting called for that purpose.

4. The President, or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside over all meetings of the Society, enforce the due observance of the Constitution, decide all questions of order, announce the result of all voting, and give the casting vote in case of a tie ; and in the event of the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, a Chairman shall be chosen from the members present.

5. The Recording Secretary shall keep full and correct minutes of the proceedings of all the meetings of the Society, the names of all candidates proposed and elected, and the number of votes cast at every election or division. He shall also be responsible for the correctness of the roll.

6. The Treasurer shall receive and account for all money belonging to the Society, and at the meeting before the annual meeting for election of officers shall submit his report to two Auditors appointed at a previous meeting. He shall keep a roll book, in which shall be entered the name of every member of the Society, with date of his admission, and of each payment of fees made by him.

7. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence of the Society ; shall keep copies of all letters sent, and file

all letters received on behalf of the Society ; prepare the notices of all meetings of the Society ; and notify in writing the debaters elected for each public meeting.

8. All records in the possession of any officer of the Society shall be open to the inspection of any member thereof.

ARTICLE IV.—COMMITTEES.

I. The General Committee shall consist of the Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and the Councillor ; and they shall have the management of the affairs of the Society, shall select subjects, and shall make appointments.

2. Three members of the General Committee shall form a quorum.

3. In case any officer of the Society is absent three consecutive meetings of the General Committee, it shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to report the same forthwith to the Society, who may, at their discretion, declare such office vacant.

4. Any member absenting himself for more than three consecutive meetings without producing a satisfactory reason therefor, shall be held as having forfeited one year's membership fee towards becoming a Life member.

5. Vacancies occurring under the foregoing section, or accepted resignation of member of General Committee, shall be filled in the same manner as at the annual election.

ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

1. The meetings of the said Society shall be held every alternate Monday, at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

2. Five members shall form a quorum.

3. The General Committee shall have authority to call a special meeting of the Society at any time, and for any purpose, by giving not less than twenty-four hours' notice thereof.

4. The annual meeting of the Society for the election of officers shall be held on the second Monday of Hilary Term in each year, or at such subsequent meetings as shall be appointed by the Society.

ARTICLE VI.—FINANCE.

1. The annual subscription shall be two dollars, payable in advance.

ARTICLE VII.—ALTERATION IN THE LAWS.

1. Alterations in the Laws shall be discussed only at the first meeting in March, or at

such other meeting as the General Committee shall appoint.

2. No such alteration shall take place without receiving the votes of two-thirds of the members present.



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RULES OF ORDER.

1. The order of business at the ordinary Meeting of the Society shall be as follows :

Minutes read, approved, and signed.

Election of Members.

Introduction of new Members.

Nomination of Candidates.

Communications received.

Business from the General Committee.

Business arising out of the Minutes.

Nomination for Office and for Committees.

New business.

Notices of motion.

Roll call.

Essay.

English reading.

Debate.

Elections and appointments for Offices, Committees, and Public Debates.

Announcements for ordinary and open Meetings.

2. The order of business at Annual Meetings shall be as follows :

Minutes read, approved, and signed.

Roll call.

Report of General Committee and Treasurer.

Reports of Special Committees.

Business arising out of Minutes.

Election of Officers.

3. Every Member in speaking shall address the Chair, confine himself to the subject under discussion, and avoid personalities and indecorous languages.

4. No Member shall speak more than once upon any question, unless with the permission of the Society, except in explanation a material part of his speech which may have been misconceived, and no new matter shall be introduced upon such explanation. A reply is allowed to a Member who has opened a debate or moved a substantive motion other than those enumerated in rule 12, but not to the mover of an amendment.

5. When two or more Members rise at once to speak, the Chairman shall determine their precedence.

6. When a Member is speaking, no person shall interrupt, except for the purpose of calling him to order.

7. A Member called to order shall at once sit down until the point is stated and determined by the Chairman, whose decision shall be given without debate, unless, being in doubt, he shall invite discussion. If such decision is appealed from, the grounds of appeal and the reasons for the decision having been stated, the question shall, without debate, be put as follows : Shall the decision of the chair be sustained ?

8. Any Member may require the question under discussion to be read at any time, but not so as to interrupt a Member while speaking.

9. When a Member is speaking, a motion being read, or a vote taken, no Member shall walk out of or across the room, or make any noise. Conversation calculated to disturb any Member while speaking or reading, or to hinder the transaction of business, shall be deemed a violation of order, and if persisted in, shall incur censure.

10. Every motion shall be seconded and read from the chair before it is discussed.

11. All Motions and notices of motion shall be in writing, except votes of thanks and motions to reconsider, to adjourn, to take the previous question, to close the debate, to lay on the table, to postpone the discussion to some future meeting, to divide. (when the sense will admit of it) or to refer.

12. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time except when a member is speaking, during a division or election, or immediately after a motion, or the adoption of the previous question. A motion to adjourn simply shall be decided without debate.

13. The previous question shall precede, and until decided, preclude all amendments to the main motion, and shall be in this form: Shall the main motion be now put?

14. On the adoption of a motion to close the debate, the main motion and all amendments already moved shall be put in the usual order, without further discussion.

15. Only one amendment to an amendment shall be in order, and no irrelevant amendment shall be permitted.

16. Two weeks' notice in writing shall be given of motions for the appointment of committees, the suspension, expulsion, re-election or censuring of a member, the reconsideration or discussion of any question or resolution to amend the laws or rules of order, or for a return from any officer or committee; and the President may, subject to an appeal to the Society, direct any motion made to stand as a notice.

17. A motion to reconsider the decision of

the Society on any question must be made by a member who voted in favor of such decision.

18. A vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting shall be required to alter, add, strike out, or suspend a rule of order, to change the order of business, or to suspend or expel a member.

19. When the Society goes into Committee of the Whole, the President may leave the chair and call upon some other member to preside. The minutes of the Committee shall be kept by the Recording Secretary.

20. Twenty-four hours' notice in writing of the meeting of every Committee shall be posted in the Prothonotary's office.

21. Reports of Committees, other than reports of progress, shall be in writing, signed by some officer of the Committee.

22. When the report of any Committee has been read to the Society, it shall be deemed to be received without any motion to that effect, and may then be adopted with or without amendment, considered in committee of the whole, referred, or laid on the table.

23. Any Member may admit a visitor to a private meeting of the Society.

24. Cases not provided for in the foregoing rules shall be governed as far as possible by the practice of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba.

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